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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action November 18, 2002 please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

✓ Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 12, 19, and 21 as follows. ✓

1. (Amended) A device for treating cardiac disease of a heart having an upper portion and a lower portion divided by an A-V groove, the device comprising:

a. a jacket of flexible, elastic material defining a volume between an upper end and a lower end, the jacket adapted to be secured to the heart and adapted to be adjusted on the heart to snugly conform to an external geometry of the heart and assume a maximum adjusted volume for the jacket to constrain circumferential expansion of the heart beyond the maximum adjusted volume during diastole and permit substantially unimpeded contraction of the heart during systole; and

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